



Fremont-Winema RAC Meeting March 30, 2009

- Meeting was called to order 9:10
- Chair Lani Hickey welcomed the RAC committee
- Introductions were made around the room

- DFO Amy Gowan Summary New Title II –

Title II-Special Projects on Federal Land

Title II remains intact in significant part. It differs from P.L. 106-393 in the following ways:

- Resource advisory committees (RAC) established under P.L. 106-393 may be ‘resuscitated’ by the Secretary, including charters and appointments. Pending the decision by the Secretary, charter and appointment terms may be renewed for 4 years.
- RAC duties are expanded to include monitoring of project progress and making of recommendations for appropriate changes to projects being monitored.
- RAC composition is amended to include non-timber forest product harvester groups, commercial and recreational fishing interests, nonindustrial private forest landowners, wildlife or hunting organizations, and watershed associations.
- The authority to initiate Title II projects terminates on September 30, 2011. Funds that are not obligated by September 30, 2012, must be transferred to the Treasury.

- Chair Lani Hickey gave an update on changes to Title III-

Title III-County Funds

Title III is modified by changing the types of activities eligible for funding, by adding a certification requirement, and by requiring counties to return funds not obligated by September 30, 2012, to the Treasury.

- Eliminates some authorized uses: community service work camps under subsection, easement purchases, forest related after school programs, planning efforts to reduce or mitigate the impact of development on adjacent Federal lands.
- Title III funds may be used to carry out the Firewise Communities program, develop community wildfire protection plans, and reimburse for emergency services paid for by counties and performed on Federal land (e.g. search and rescue, firefighting).
- There is a new requirement that counties allocating funds for title III projects must submit a certification that the funds were used in accordance with title III.

The authority to initiate title III projects now terminates on September 30, 2011. There is a new requirement that funds not obligated by September 30, 2012, be returned to the Treasury

According to Lani Klamath County has a protection plan in place. By Feb 1 of this next year the County must write a statement that they complied with proper use of funds.

● **American Recovery Act: Al Hahn –**

Last communication nothing else going forward except the 10%
The 10% is projects that are 7 day projects/ ready to go now.

Oregon Priorities

1. Youth Employment...min for each County is 1 five person crew
2. Fuels reduction (Lake and Klamath –not affected)

Other projects being reviewed at the Washington DC Office should go back to the Regional Office this week for review and then back the WO for approval. Hope is that we will know what is funded in a couple of weeks.

Website is...recovery.gov

Dan Shoun : Will these funds take away from the RAC projects?

Allan: Reassured the entire group that there are plenty of projects to cover the funds.

● **Lani shared that National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition award has been awarded to this RAC for the Chewaucan Watershed Restoration Project (aka: The Paisley Town Weir Project).**

● **Aug 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Spell correction – Jaque Bulkley**

● **Aug 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Who were the seconds on the last day...
Correction Bill Duke was the second**

● **New Chair elections:**

- **Anita Ward nominated Lani Hickey to continue as RAC chair for the 2009 first round of funding.**
- **Al Switzer seconded**
- **Chair Lani Hickey will continue in her duties for this round of funding**

● **DFO Amy Gowan announced the Title II fund amounts for this round are...**

- **Klamath County - \$1,906,000.74**
- **Lake County- \$663,273.00**

The funds requested in the proposals greatly exceed the Title II dollars available. As in the past, the RAC might consider asking the proponents if they will take less funds.

Lani explained the overhead and how the 12.5% given to private proponents projects is not given to the Forest projects as this Forest takes the overhead off the top and only a 4.5%

Lake County Proposals

E-L-901 – Bridge Creek, James Price Fuels Specialist for the Lakeview District of the BLM

- 60 acres/ ties in with accomplishments from the Forest Service and private landowner Tom O'Leary
- Anita – on the budget you should show \$1,500 in each line item 28 and 29

E-L-902 –Summer Lake Restoration Grace Haskins with the Lake County Cooperative Weed Board

- Over 1900 acres weed treatment
- Mary Baker commented that the weed population in Summer Lake is out of control
- Lani suggested Grace talk with Todd

- Anita discussion regarding the 12.5 % overhead
- Grace explained the their group has to charge at least 10% overhead for processing grants
- Brett, what kind of follow up will there be?
- Grace, we will continue to seek out more grants. She explained the the Oregon Weed Board is very supportive and that the private landowners are on board for example the Leehmann's in Summer Lake put up \$10,000 of their own funds
- Pete Talbott will there be other management strategies
- Grace, we are using ODA seed forbs instead of grass and educating the landowners

E-L-903 - Chewaucan Monitoring Jim Walls, Lake County Resource Initiative

- PPT showcasing the monitoring
- Anita, Could this be incorporated in a school curriculum?
- Jim we are looking into funding to teach teachers. He would like help from Clair Thomas with this education
- Anita, would you consider partial funding
- Jim, if we had to, yes
- Mary, is the Forest changing the way they are managing with this data? Can they use it?
- Jim, subsoiling findings have changed the Forest use of this method. We need more agency personnel looking at the data

E-L-904 Bullard Canyon/Deadman Creek Restoration Ray Simms, City of Lakeview

- 40 acres of juniper treatment and road repairs, road closings and gravel laid in areas of deterioration
- Ray, we have also applied for an Oregon Park and Recreation Grant for trail repairs. These trails are from the swimming pool up to the shooting range
- Pete. With what has been accomplished to date, have there been significant changes in the damage to this area?
- Ray, Yes...especially with the gate in place. We are waiting on two more fences on the Forest Service land

E-L-905 Changed before the notebooks were printed

E-L-906 Clean Forest...Covered both Lake and Klamath County projects in this presentation

- Shared their newsletter and a PPT
- They do School presentations with Brady Bear and Litter Bug
- Currently have 50-60 volunteers
- Yes, they are willing to take partial funding asking \$40,000 from Lake County funds and \$80,000 from Klamath
- Brett Johnson any evidence gathered resulted in citations/convictions?
- Yes, at least 4 cases and some pending now
- Bill Duke, aware of sites in Lake co?
- Yes, we have been made aware of some site in Lake County and many more in Klamath

E-L-906 Bauers Creek Marci Shreder and Mike O'Shannon

- This project tie in with the Thomas creek restoration...it will include 18miles fencing of riparian area, open up Bauer creek to fish passage by replacing 3 diversions and the land owner will remove 3 diversion himself and redo the ditches in his meadows
- Mary, NEPA not ready until Jan 2010
- Mike, We are working with outhr funding sources and NEPA will be covered under some of that funding
- Mary, work on ground this summer?
- Mike, yes

E-L-907 Aspen Restoration Mike Ramsey with FS, Jamie Steven with Klamath Bird Observatory

- Need data from monitoring before implementation of a project from the FS
- Jamie, Bird monitoring can be used right away Anita – 20% overhead for KBO- could you adjust this figure?
- Jamie, we could work on that
- Anita, \$108,091 for two years (item #23 on form)
- Craig Bienz, What methods are you going to use?
- Jamie, Point counts
- Craig, will continue with point counts?
- Jamie, no-2 years pretreatment and come back in 4 to 5 years
- Mary, overhead costs – 2 lines?
- Jmaie, the second to the FS
- **Remove line # 36 - \$12,010**

FL-01-901 Lake County Barnes Valley Juniper II Mike Ramsey US FS

- 2500 acres need treatment this project will cover 100 acres
- Al Switzer, Air quality – by using cutting-stacking and burning we put a lot of smoke into the air. We are under restrictions. We need to find other alternatives other than burning.
- Mike, we would like to do other treatments than burning
- Al, we are not allowed to bring in other business because of the restriction
- Anita, FS contribution for NEPA?
- Mike, I do not recall the amount
- Brian Watt FS, the amount was close to \$300,000

FL-02-901 Cottonwood Complex Fence Al Hahn, Ranger NE Zone

- We were not successful in acquiring other funds for this project
- Needs to be a let down fence

FL-02-902 North Warner Sage Shrub Mike Ramsey, FS Wildlife Specialist with Anna Kerr from The Watershed Council

- 500 acres of juniper cutting in a 1000 acre tract. Cutting will occur within 100 acres Sage Grouse habitat
- We will be working closely with Oregon dept of Fish and Wildlife
- FS cutting slash to less than 4ft, would like to burn fuels
- \$1800 Forest Appropriated dollars, \$4000 Fuels funds
- NEPA Categorical Exclusion will be done this year
- Bill Duke, the cost seems high
- Mike, The costs are high- dependent on trees per acre
- Anna, Expensive on private, we would like to follow up with slash treatment. We do not want to burn in the Sage Grouse habitat
- Pete, footnote 1- \$2500 how much Watershed and how much land owner?
- Anna, ½ in kind/half landowner
- Anita, won't affect funding but need to adjust column C dollars

FL-02-903 SE Zone Burnt Willow Brian Watt FS

- With a stewardship contract it will make it easy to do task orders
- Anita, Partial funding?
- Brian, Yes

FL-02-904 Bull Pre-commercial Thin Brian Watt and Kandi Hill USFS

- Anita, partial funding?
- Brian, Yes

- Lani, \$370 an acre seems high
- Brian, Slashbuster prices have gone up
- Kandi, we are not sure how much chain saw crews are going to charge
- Brian, chainsaw – lop and scatter will probably be used

FL-02-905 Abe Pre-Commercial Thin Brian Watt and Kandi Hill

- Need to deal with trees too small for commercial use
- Bring small stuff to landing for possible bio-mass
- Chainsaw treatment to follow, finishing off a stewardship project
- Dan Shoun, fire regime condition class?
- Brian, Almost all one, a few areas on Burnt Willow are a three
- Craig Bienz, internal FS ranking...this one is the highest
- Brian, Abe would be my personal 1st choice, Collins Pine wants to get this one done
- Jime Walls, what if these projects are funded through Stimulus Dollars?
- Lani, we would go through the ranking order and fund accordingly.

FL-02-906 Thomas Cr Road Decommission Dave Hogen Forest Fisheries Specialist

- Modoc Sucker endangered, high priority watershed, and the roads are no longer needed
- Pete, could you take some of the scattered project pieces out and accept less funding
- Dave, we will continue with the work depending on funding level

FL-03-902 Chewaucan Restoration- Aquatic Habitat Dave Hogen

- Final step from lower boundary of the forest to the upper. Private lands and Forest sandwiched together
- Amy Gowan, Permits?
- Dave, they will take 3 to 4 months if we are lucky...it varies. Similar activities so permits may be easier to get.
- Lani, Are the tree wads holding
- Dave, The majority stayed in place the ones that did not were able to move through the system

FL-03-903/ FK- 03-901 Red Zone Recreation Whitney Osker SE Zone Silviculturist

- “safety issues”
- Dan math in column B does not add up...contract admin \$32,000 seems high
- Whitney, a lot of hands-on may contribute to the high cost
- Pete, additional thinning...or will you just do the hazard trees?
- Whitney, Green thinning would occur
- Amy Krommes, these are all 3 steps, recent dead never treated and you can't compare them with a pre-commercial thinning

FL-03-904 Jakabe Thinning Whitney Olsker

- Pick up the part of the plantation that is not commercial
- Get density out and improve stand conditions
- Anita, legends on your maps would be helpful

FL-04-901 Buck Creek Kris Hennings NE Zone Wildlife Biologist

- 435 acres of mule deer habitat would be thinned
- The Bridge Cr and Bridge Buck are projects connected to this one that were formally funded by the RAC
- Lani, Junipers? how many years before you would have to retreat the area?
- Kris, possibly 10 years

FL-03-904 Silver Creek Marsh Fence Doug Uran NE Zone Rec and Historical

- West fork of Silver Cr, the fenced burned in the Winter fire. This project would help protect the campground, meadows and archy sites. We have also reintroduced beavers to this area.
- Anita, where would people park?
- Doug, there is a 20 acre trailhead and a developed camp ground
- Amy, historic sites?
- Doug, CC camp in 1933

FL-0-901 Noxious Weed Suppression Lani Hickey spoke to this one...

- Same amount of dollars as in previous years. A lot of work has been completed.
- Craig, no private landowners
- Lani, private land holding – Sarah encourages them to treat their weed problem

11:55 break

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Klamath County Proposals

E-K-901 Beatty Uplands Restoration Crystal McMahn and Marko Bey

- New budget page..same fund amount requested
- Working with Lomatski
- 2-ten acre parcels...thinning, piling, burn and biomass removal
- Dan, in column A you have Fed Appropriated funds listed...What are these for?
- Could receive a CE from Fish and Wildlife

E-K-902 Data Support System Lani Hickey and Dan Keppen

- Multiple layer web system
- This is a very sophisticated tool
- Management is fragmented...there is a need for one place to share and store information
- Brett Johnson, geospatial data can be accessed by the public?
- Dan, yes, at different levels...some might be able to insert/view info while still keeping sensitive info private and restricted

E-K-903 Annie Cr Gaging Station Vern Couch

- Anita, what is your web site?
- Vern WRD.stake.or.us (it is on the application)

E-K-904 Fivemile Creek Sue Mattenberger

- No questions

E-K-907 Iverson Ranch/Jack Creek Michelle Barry KBRT and Kieth Little Iverson Ranch

- Remove 75 acres lodgepole between Sept and Oct
- In compliance with state
- Monitoring plans- USGS, private egg mass
- FS will monitor FS lands
- Chemult projects enhance this project

E-K-908 Seven Mile Cr Fish Passage Michelle Barry

- Defunct screen, diversions are not able to control the water
- This project will increase fish passage and assist in irrigation
- Protects 19 CFS
- NEPA is complete
- This will correct the final barrier to 24 miles of fish passage

E-K-909 Westside Spring Habitat Enhancement Damion Ciotti USFWS

- No comments, other than they would like to work with the FS on another spring

E-K-910 Sprague River Restoration Dusty Lane Damion Ciotti

- This project ties in with the Wayne project upstream- mimicking the treatment upstream

FK-01-901 Horse Canyon Fish Passage Dave Hogan Fisheries Specialist for Fre-Win

- Culvert replacement above the Gerber Reservoir
- This is on quick response to finding information critical to the short nose sucker
- Should be a simple CA
- Lani, This is expensive
- Dave, probably open bottom structure
- Amy, is the design complete?
- Al Hahn, not complete
- Dave, this can be implemented by end of summer 2009
- The cost includes design

FK-01-902 SE Zone Barnes Precommercial Thin Brian Watt

- This is the last big chunk
- Anita, Partial funding?
- Brian, yes
- Bill, cost is \$350 and acre
- Brian, not really
- Al Switzer/ Lani, DEQ counts this burning against us – doesn't seem to matter if it is an underburn, it is the piles that make us suffer

Clarifying point...Al Switzer wants to know if the FS would consider doing other treatments other than pile and burn.

Dan Shoun – if we are going to prioritize these projects , more accurate figure costs will be needed. Kandi Hill will provide these new figures.

FK-01-903 Klamath Barnes Valley Juniper Thin Mike Ramsey NE Zone

- Anita, it would help if we had maps and photos
- Amy, is there a strategy for treating juniper
- Mike says yes...analyze it, find funding as we go...
- **This is a cooperative with The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

FK-03-901 Red Zone Rec

- Again Safety is the key issue here
- Amy Krommes, all Forest projects/ thinning , will take whatever funds we can get
- Anita, typo on spread sheet 191,000 should be 19,000

WK-11-901 Jack Creek Meadow Phase III Ed Brown Chemult District

- This can be funded partially
- Anita, can we fund two years
- Rick, yes, it would be half

WK-11-902 Three Buttes Chemult

- Highest priority for the district
- This will complete this area

- Al Switzer, Will you be using Klamath Co Corrections Crew
- Ed, Yes

Back to WK-11-901 Jack Cr Meadow Restore...

- Thinning riparian areas
- Hydro monitoring – Dr Cummings, this is part of the cost and can be a part of this or not
- Dan, 600 acres...contract cost are \$687,000- that is 10,000 per acre
- Ed, way out of line
- Dr Cummings presentation on Hydro and Ecological Monitoring
- Amy Gowan is this why this area is unique to the spotted frog habitat
- Dr. Cummings, I believe so

In answer to Dan's question...600 acres done in the past

Page #5 is contract costs

\$224,000 is RMEF

\$576 an acre with remaining funds

- Jane O'Keefe, where is the internal score from?
- Amy Gowan, Program Managers, Specialists and Line Officers – they review and prioritize according to the Forest
- District priority and internal priority are differed

WK-12-901 Improving Forest Conditions through Youth Mile Lawrence Chiloquin District Ranger and Sarah Malaby

- At risk kids
- Worked previously and successfully with youth crews treating weeds
- This is for two crews and the Tribes will fund a third crew

WK-12-902 Ninemile North Riparian Jenn Sanborn Wildlife Biologist Chiloquin District

- Remove confirs from meadow and keep aspen
- Lani, budget #8 contract/cost
- Jen, contract cost \$32,000 contract and \$35000 for burning

WK-12-903 Wildhorse Meadow Restoration Jen Sanborn

- South of head of the river camp ground
- Dan, spend \$
- Jen, \$200 and acre

WK-12-904 Bay/Mill/Pome ladder fuel Mike Coggin

- Ladder fuel reduction
- Whipfall and pile burn
- Craig , what density left per acre
- Mike, 100-200per
- Dan, cutr everything up to 4”?
- Mike, Pretty much everything

WK-12-905 Lonepine PCT Mike Coggin

- Thin and slashbust
- 1500 acres

WK-12-906 Ninemile Natural Fuels Reduction

- Not ready for commercial reduction harvest, go in and thin another 700 acres

WK-12-907 Ninemile North Non WUI Mike Coggin

- Different EA out of Wildland Urban Interface
- Sam treatment as wk-12-906
- Dan, is this lodge pole pine?
- Mike, ponderosa and sugarpine
- Dan, precommercial thin?
- Mike, yes

WK-12-908 Rock and Marsh Mike Coggin

- No comments or questions

WK-12-909 Copper and Field Ladder Fuel Mike Coggin

- No comments or questions

WK-13-902 Tomahawk ladder Fuels Mike Coggin for Klamath District

- Al Switzer, PCT plantations...if this finishes this project up, why is it ranked higher on the Forest internal ranking?
- Mike Lawrence, it could be ranked higher by the district than the Forest priority

WK-13-901 Bull Trout Recover Neil Anderson Fisheries Specialist

- Costs are pretty tight...we have new updated figures
- Craig, this would take you all the way down to the 110 pipe? Would this complete the area?
- Neil, yes to the 110 pipe. There is one more area beyond
- Anita, excellent project, thank you for doing this
- Lani, We'll never be connect to the Klamath Lake again
- Neil, never, say never...it could happen. However, it is doubtful

WK-0901 Noxious Weed Management Sarah Malaby

- This project has been fully funded every year and a lot has been accomplished with Title II funds

WK-0-902 Native Plant Restoration Sarah Malaby

- Fish and Wildlife supported this last year with an additional \$59,000 last year
- Lani, are the plants avail to the private land owners?
- Sarah, yes, through Fish and Wildlife

The RAC had good discussion regarding Stimulous funding, the fact that there is some tough decisions to be made as the proposals are seeking a great deal more than is available.

Dan Shoun made a motion to adjourn

Pete Talbott seconded the motion

Adjourned @ 3:45 PM